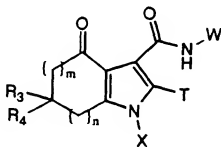


Abstract of the Disclosure

Disclosed are compounds of the formula



or the pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic salts thereof wherein:

W represents substituted or unsubstituted aryl or heteroaryl;

T is hydrogen, halogen, hydroxyl, amino or alkyl;

X is hydrogen, hydroxy, or lower alkyl;

m is 0, 1, or 2;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

R₃ and R₄ represent substituted or unsubstituted organic residues.

These compounds are highly selective agonists, antagonists or inverse agonists for GABA_A brain receptors or prodrugs of agonists, antagonists or inverse agonists for GABA_A brain receptors. These compounds are useful in the diagnosis and treatment of anxiety, sleep and seizure disorders, overdose with benzodiazepine drugs and for enhancement of memory.